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The Honorable Jed R. Rakoff
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Weigand, et al.*, 20 cr. 188

Dear Judge Rakoff:

On behalf of Defendant Ruben Weigand, the undersigned counsel respectfully joins in and adopts all of the arguments set forth in the opposition to Visa's application to permit Martin Elliot to testify remotely filed today by Defendant Hamid "Ray" Akhavan. *See* ECF No. 175. Mr. Weigand's right to confront the Government's witnesses against him would be impacted in the same manner as Mr. Akhavan's.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Michael J. Gilbert
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